

ARREST OF SLEUTH FOR HALL 'CLUE' BLOCKED BY RIVALRY OF PROBERS

'Death Gun' Find Was 'Plant,' Irate Simpson Charges

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SOMERVILLE, N. J., Aug. 21.—New indications that Senator Alexander Simpson, special prosecutor in the Hall-Mills case, was not "getting along well" with his detectives imported from Hudson county to solve the case were apparent here today.

Inspector John Underwood, of the Jersey City Police Department, when told that Simpson had threatened to arrest a New York private detective and his associates on a charge of "planting" the Spanish automatic pistol in Philadelphia, thereby conspiring to obstruct justice, by pointing guilt at others than those under arrest, said angrily:

"He did say that? Well, I have nothing to say. I don't know anything about it. No one else does either, apparently."

Brooch Clue Fades

The clue of the antique brooch today started to fade out of the picture just as the automatic pistol, said to have been used in the killings four years ago, did yesterday.

County Detective Ferd David of Middlesex County has said that he turned the brooch over to a resident of Highland Park, whose wife had lost it sightseeing on the Phillips farm after the murder.

The investigators, not yet satisfied, today questioned him as to the name of the man he gave it to.

There exists a difference of opinion among investigators as to just what the brooch looks like, some saying it has a cross on it, denoting church connections, and others that it has not. Its value in the case is doubtful.

Not Mrs. Hall's

Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, widow of the slain rector, the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall, charged with his murder and that of Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills, on the Phillips farm, September 14, 1922, today, through relatives denied she ever had owned such a brooch.

Timothy Pfeiffer of defense counsel conferred with Mrs. Hall today for more than an hour.

At Somerset county jail it was learned that Willie Stevens, charged with the slaying with Mrs. Hall,

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Followed by Albatross in Form of a Stork



IT WAS THIS GLAD BIRD that accompanied the Berlins to Quebec on their return voyage to America, and is coming to New York. And who shall say that Papa Mackay, who appears (in the inset) with Irving and Ellin, will not now be won over by the sweet song of domesticity, that the singer is about to sing.

Berlins 'Vanish' in Canada After Sea Race With Stork

Runaway Horse Tears Into Mob And Kills Woman

A runaway horse, tearing through a screaming crowd at Washington and Tremont Avenues, The Bronx, struck and left dead today in its mad flight Mrs. Vincenzo Burrello, 75, of 486 East Tremont Ave.

The horse was drawing a wagon owned by the Starlight Laundry of 2077 Washington Ave. When Nathan Frankel, the driver, came out of the laundry and stepped on the wagon the animal bolted. He was knocked off and the horse galloped down Washington Avenue.

Apparently having shaken off newspapermen for the time being, Irving Berlin, song writer, and his bride, the former Ellin Mackay, today were "On the Road to Somewhere."

A report that they might alight in New York city from one of three Montreal trains today sent reporters scurrying to Pennsylvania and Grand Central stations—and back to their offices empty-handed.

A second report was that the much-sought couple had engaged an airplane in Quebec and were flying south could not be verified.

Reported Everywhere

A third had them spending the night at the home of Max Winslow at Thousand Islands.

A fourth had them speeding from Quebec to Montreal by train.

A fifth had them making this same trip by automobile.

A sixth was that they were spending a few days at the Chateau Frontenac.

One thing, however, is absolutely certain:—

Berlin and his bride, the disowned daughter of Clarence Mackay, head of the Postal Telegraph Company, arrived late yesterday in Quebec on the Canadian Pacific steamship Montclair, previously having sailed from Glasgow under the assumed names of "Mr. and Mrs. J. Johnston."

Arrival Unexpected

The arrival was unexpected. The couple had been expected to come into New York on the Homeric, and apparently plans were changed at the last minute, or this was just a smoke screen to ward off publicity.

To reporters who observed the unobtrusive entry, Berlin, very much flustered, issued the following statement:—

"We are returning to America because it is our home and we

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Ederle to Get Great Welcome in Old Home Town

HIGHLANDS, N. J., Aug. 21.—

The biggest welcome of all for Gertrude Ederle, Channel swimmer, is being planned here, where for twelve years the Ederles have had their summer home.

It was here that she learned her first strokes, and citizens and residents of Highlands think it only proper that they should combine to give her the best time of all when she returns to receive the acclaim for her greatest aquatic achievement.

Under the direction of Dr. John L. Oppermann, mayor and general chairman of the welcome committee, with Arthur A. Lyons, chairman of the arrangements committee, a systematic canvas of the city's business men is being made for a fund of \$3,000 with which to finance the homecoming celebration.



Gertrude Ederle

Waldorf Guests See Man Killed

Fred B. Brickner, 30, of 942 Woodycrest Ave., High Bridge, while repairing an elevator on the eighth floor of the Waldorf-Astoria today, fell to instant death, his body landing on an upcoming car that had stopped at the second floor.

The car contained about fifteen women guests and they were badly frightened when the body struck the roof.

Power Line Break Halts L. I. Trains

Breaking of a 11,000 volt power line running from Long Island City to Winfield at 8.50 o'clock this morning caused a thirty-minute stoppage of all trains on the Montauk Point and North Shore divisions.

Passengers were not permitted to leave the trains and traffic was resumed as quickly as the power was restored.

Honk of Auto To Call 'Sweetie' His Death Knell

Dominick Ferri, 22, of 524 South St., Jamaica, was courting death late yesterday when he sounded his automobile horn three times to summon his sweetheart, Angela Santucci, 17, of 168-67 93d Ave., Jamaica, for a tryst.

No sooner had he done so than a man stepped from behind a tree and fired four shots into the back of his head.

Police say that immediately after the shots were fired, Thomas Santucci, father of the girl, sprinted into his house and told Angela to hide a revolver and empty shells. He did not like the youth.

They are looking for Thomas.

Shot Down by Gunmen As He Leaves His Home

Three young gunmen poured a volley of lead into Benjamin Bernstein, 38, of 96 1st Ave., as the latter stepped out of his home at 12 o'clock today. Bernstein was shot through the eye, the bullet passing out his neck.

Flaunting their guns, they threw pedestrians into a panic as they made their escape.

One of the bandits commandeered the taxicab of William Baron that stood on the corner.

"I'll Plug You!"

"Step on it," he yelled, "or I'll plug you."

Baron started west on 1st Street, but collided with a lamppost at 2d Avenue. The bandit leaped out and into another taxicab, which Isadore Berg of 67 East 2d St. had just hailed.

The bandit was waving his gun, and whether through intent or nervousness, it went off, putting a bullet wound into Berg's left hand.

The bandit leaped out and fled on foot.

Bernstein was removed unconscious to St. Mark's Hospital, where it was said he probably would die.

Witnesses told police they believed one of the bandits had been hit by a stray bullet in the volley poured at Bernstein. No blood trails were found along the routes they took in escaping.

Clearing House (Official figures)

Exchanges	\$900,000,000
Balances	82,000,000
Credit balance	76,000,000

40 Customs Men Drafted For War on Rum Runners

Renewed efforts of Gen. Lincoln C. Andrews, in charge of prohibition enforcement, to "dry up" the city resulted today in his ordering forty men from the United States Customs Service to drop their regular work and prepare to police the harbor in eight 36-foot speedboats, two of which have been delivered and are ready for service.

The former customs men will receive an increase in pay during the drive and later will be placed back at their old posts.

Customs officials say the enforcement officer picked men noted for their integrity. Andrews has received an appropriation of \$100,000 for the work. It is admitted generally that more than 90 per cent. of the liquor sold here arrives by water.

NEW SHOW TO OPEN

The New York opening of "Cass in the Air," a musical comedy now running in Chicago, is scheduled for September 6 at the Selwyn Theater.

THE WEATHER

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 1926



Hour	Temp.	Weather	Barom.	Wind
Midnight	62	Pt. cloudy	30.27	E. 16
2 a. m.	61	Cloudy	30.28	E. 18
4 a. m.	61	Cloudy	30.27	E. 16
6 a. m.	60	Cloudy	30.20	E. 20
8 a. m.	60	Cloudy	30.30	E. 20
10 a. m.	61	Cloudy	30.31	E. 13